## Plan of Reorganization

## Worth Township

## Town of Whitestown

July 17, 2012

**Dawn S** calls the July 17, 2012 Reorganization meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Roll Call for Town of Whitestown: Dawn Semmler, Susan Austin, Julie Whitman; present, Eric Mill and Kevin Russell; absent. Roll Call for Worth Township: Jim Baldwin, Mike Hancock, Josh Myers all present. Pledge

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Reorganization of Worth Township and the Town of Whitestown. Public hearing opened.

Dawn S opens the floor for public comment.

Clinton B gives a brief overview of the reorganization of Worth Township and Town of Whitestown.

Steve Unger is present to answer legal questions.

A committee was organized in 2010 consisting of three Worth Township members and three members from the Town of Whitestown. They submitted a plan that was reviewed by legal council and a fiscal study completed. Meeting tonight is to present the plans to the public citizens of Whitestown and Worth Township.

If it is approved tonight, the reorganization would be placed on the November election ballot for public vote.

Discussion ensues regarding voting of the reorganization.

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Ken Allen spoke.

Susan McQueen spoke.

Michael McQueen spoke.

Beverly Campbell spoke.

Cheryl Hancock spoke.

Paul Carpenter-Wilson spoke.

Discussion ensues among public and boards.

Dawn S m/m to close the Whitestown portion of the public meeting; Susan A 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

Jim B m/m to close the Worth Township portion of the public meeting; Josh M 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

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Paul Carpenter-Wilson spoke regarding a utility issue in the plan. Discussion ensues.

He then asked a question regarding fire debt. Discussion ensues.

Discussion ensues regarding police protection in incorporated and unincorporated areas.

Resident asked a question regarding the term "New Whitestown" listed in the plan. Discussion ensues.

If the Reorganization is adopted, the Whitestown Town Council will have 2 new members from the Worth Township Board. The Worth Township Trustee will be eliminated.

Super majority is brought up; discussion ensues. Intent is to make sure the unincorporated area is represented. Dawn S asked Steve U to clarify the language of this point. Discussion ensues on terminology and meaning. Structure was discussed and finalized.

Question asked about review time periods and the ability to change items listed in the plan. Discussion ensues. Adding an amendment section to the plan was discussed. Discussion ensues on the amendment section.

Question was asked about an objective summary being written explaining the plan and who is to write it. Discussion ensues.

Question was asked about Section B; Public Safety. Discussion ensues.

Question was asked regarding the implementation of ordinances. Discussion ensues. Transition Board will review all ordinances. Further discussion ensues. Special majority will apply to the Transition Board.

Question was asked regarding zoning and planning. Discussion ensues.

Special recognition given to Cheryl and Paul for all their efforts on this project.

Discussion ensues regarding passing of the plan. Steve Unger will hand write the changes on the plan for approval at this meeting.

Susan A m/m to take a recess; Dawn S 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

Jim m/m to reconvene Worth Township Board, Dawn S m/m to reconvene, Susan A 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

Steve Unger speaks explaining the changes that he made to the plan. Discussion ensues. Recommends that the Council and Board review and approve. Sign and initial changes. Steve Unger will then make corrections and provide a "clean" plan to all members.

Mike H m/m to adopt the reorganization proposal as amended by the legal counsel on instruction from the Whitestown Town Council and Worth Township Board; Josh M 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

Julie W m/m to adopt the reorganization proposal as amended by the legal counsel on instruction from the Whitestown Town Council and Worth Township Board; Susan A 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

Susan A m/m to authorize Dawn S to sign all certifications; Julie W 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

Mike H m/m to authorize Clinton B to sign all certifications; Josh M 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

The Reorganization Proposal Plan was adopted by the Whitestown Town Council and the Worth Township Board.



The Proposal will now be placed on the November ballot for vote.

Dawn S m/m to close the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; Susan A 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

Mike H m/m to close the meeting; Josh M 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 3-0, motion carried.

The minutes from a Reorganization Meeting between The Whitestown Town Council and the Worth Township Board held on July17, 2012 are approved on the 11th day of September 2012 by the following Town Council Members

Dawn Semmler, President

Susan Austin

Fric Miller

Susan Austin

Julie Whitman

ATTEST

Amanda Andrews, Clerk Freasurer